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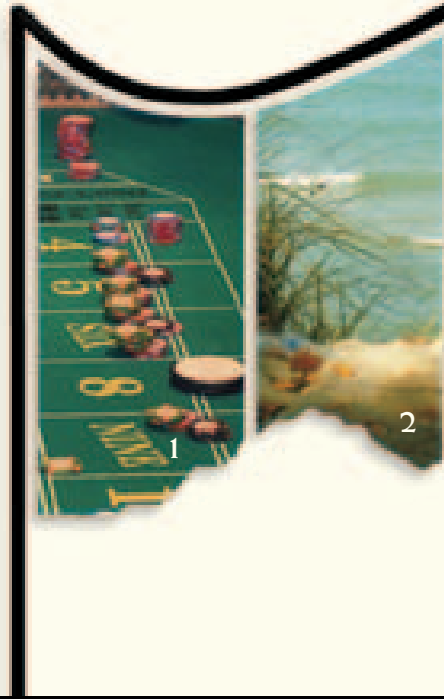
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INDIANA
DRIVE LESS. GETAWAY MORE.

COUNTIES OF NORTHERN INDIANA

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S E C R E T S *of* N O R T

Somewhere nearby, there are nine counties full of

THROUGHOUT THE NINE CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES WAITING TO HOST YOU ACROSS THE NORTHERN EDGE OF INDIANA, WE HAVE A MYRIAD OF DELIGHTFUL SECRETS.

Our secrets are beyond mere places or things. They're experiences. And they're all close to home.

Our secrets are meant to be shared with friends. So, on the following pages, we'll give you a hint at some of the inviting experiences awaiting you in each Northern Indiana county.

A few of our secrets may even be "well known" (or so most people would believe). But we'll let you in on the *real* secrets of each particular destination. Perhaps we'll help you experience it in a totally new way. Or maybe we'll introduce you to a secret or two you never knew existed.

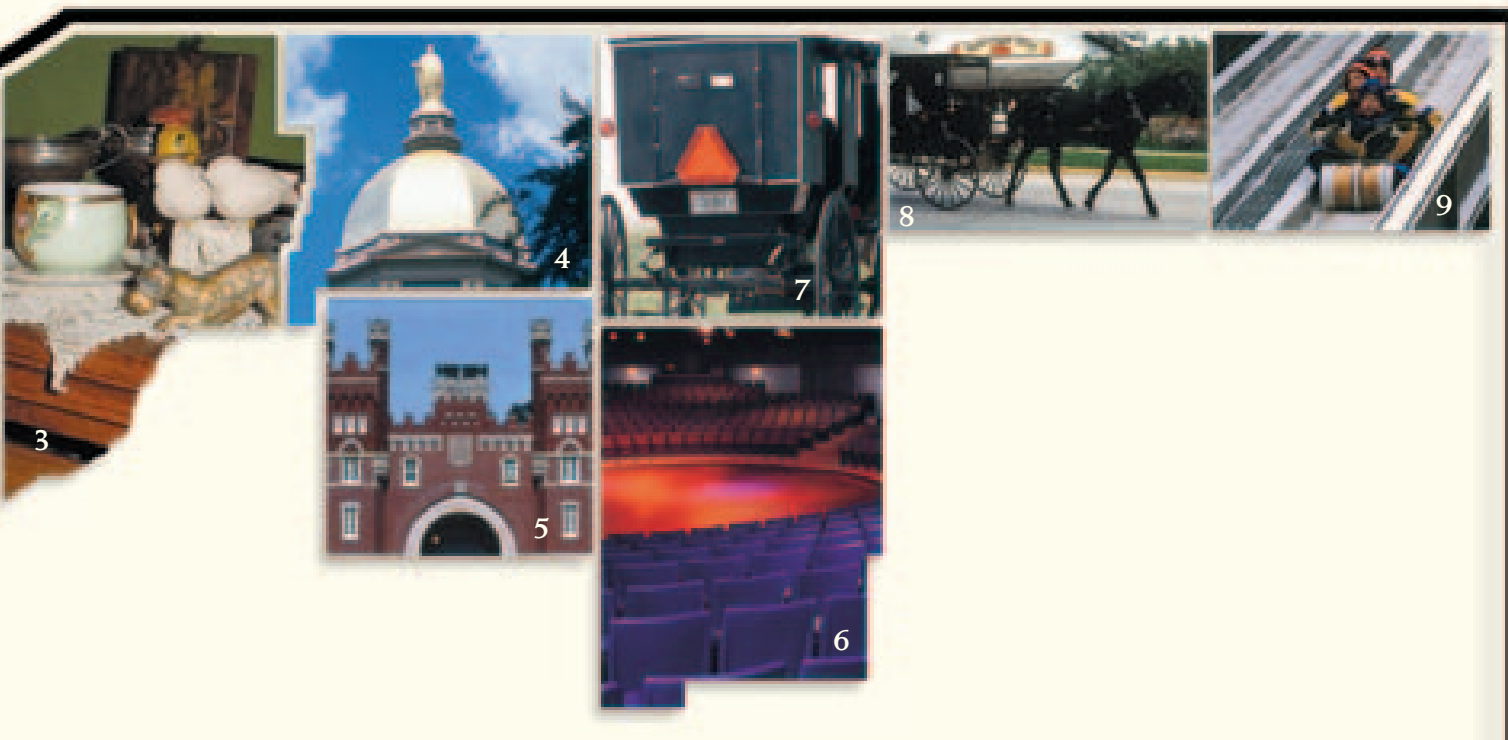
Come see how many secrets you can experience while you're getting far away in nearby Northern Indiana.

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NORTHERN INDIANA

delightful, welcoming secrets to be experienced.

COUNTY-BY-COUNTY SECRETS.

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From west to east, you can learn about great secrets within each county of Northern Indiana. Some are secrets you may have thought you already knew. Some are secrets you may never have known about. Some are secrets you may never have known were so close at hand. All are well-worth the experience.

TREASURE MAPS FOR SECRET SEEKERS.

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You're welcome to discover the secrets of Northern Indiana for yourself. But, just in case you want a "clue" or two, we've put together a few suggested itineraries, organized according to particular interests. These are only outlines, you understand. You'll still find much more to intrigue and interest you as you go.

SOME NOT-SO-SECRET HAPPENINGS.

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For those who want to take advantage of planned events and festivals, we've compiled a month-by-month listing of these activities throughout the area. From hometown celebrations to Hollywood-like extravaganzas, history revisited to heritage pride, few know how to throw a party better than Northern Indiana folks. And you're invited.

THE KEEPERS OF SECRETS.

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Each county or region within Northern Indiana has a Convention and Visitors Bureau with loads of secrets about their own special area. We'll give you the general ideas...they'll let you in on all the details.



S E C R E T S *o f* L A

Sophisticated excitement, first-class entertainment,

THE SOUNDS, SIGHTS AND SCENTS OF CHANCE.

THIS IS A MATTER OF SENSES: SOUNDS, SIGHTS, SCENTS.

The chink of plastic chips; the slip-slap of playing cards; the subtle bump of dice; the not-so-subtle whirr of the slots; lots of laughter. The lights dazzle. The colors shine. So do the people. The air is a mixture of perfumes and lake breezes and gourmet foods and beverages. But mostly, there is that indefinable feeling of "chance." It lies somewhere between the excitement of anticipation and the thrill of the unknown. It makes your breath come just a little bit quicker and your heart beat a little harder. All your senses are sharpened. Just a short drive from downtown Chicago, there are four **lakefront** casinos on the shores of Lake Michigan alive with sensory-filling excitement. Over 180,000 square feet of excitement, with more than 7,000 slot machines and 200 table games. Even the names intrigue: **Harrah's, Horseshoe, Majestic Star, Trump**. From Mardi Gras to nautical atmospheres. Add fine dining and overnight accommodations, and you're a million miles away from your everyday life. Yet, just around the corner. Because it isn't a matter of real distance – it's all a matter of the senses. ■

www.alllake.org 800.ALL.LAKE



CHICAGO'S NEIGHBORING SOUTH SHORE

- 4 Riverboat Casinos
- Star Plaza Theatre
- 11 County Parks
- Indiana Welcome Center
- Miles of Beaches
- The Community Veterans Memorial
- Theatre at the Center

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and Visitors Bureau
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KE COUNTY

vintage sporting events, pieces of the world.

T.V. IS UP-CLOSE, BUT NEVER THIS PERSONAL.

You can practically see his eyes twinkle. You're that close; he's that kind of entertainer. When comedian Jerry Seinfeld appears at the **Star Plaza Theatre** in Merrillville, you feel like he's in your living room. And not just Jerry. Patti LaBelle, LeAnn Rimes, Tim McGraw, Christina Aguilera, B.B. King, and more. Top entertainers so close you can read their expressions. Then, enjoy a late night supper, stay overnight, and still be home for breakfast (if you want to be). ■
www.starplazatheatre.com 219.769.6311

A GENTLEMAN'S GAME.

The Hurler (pitcher) winds up and throws the ball underhand, the batter tics it (hits a foul), and the player is dead (out). The cranks (fans) cheer. It's the gentlemanly game of "Base Ball" – 1860s style – and it's still being played in the summertime in Northern Indiana. The **Deep River Grinders** are Lake County's club. They're



decked out in vintage uniforms. No gloves, no helmets. No sliding, no stealing bases, no bunting. No swearing, no spitting. It's the game played the way it was intended, in a more "civilized" era. ■
www.lakecountyparks.com 219.947.1958

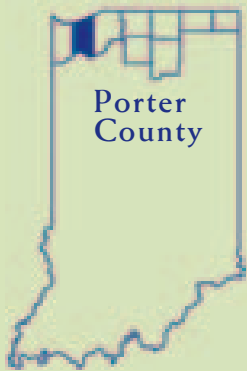
MORE THAN A MONASTERY.

It's a place of faith. A place of art. A place of nature. A place where you can see and touch all the continents of the earth. The **Carmelite Shrines** in Munster feature grottos and chapels carved out of mountainous rocks gathered from around the country and the world. Statues are from the same marble used by Michelangelo. There are crystals from Africa, trees from Europe, rocks from South America, plantings from Asia. Examples of all God's gifts to the world in one, humble place. A place to be experienced. ■
www.alllake.org 219.838.7111



S E C R E T S *of* P O R

Ecological intrigue, history in the making, victory



INDIANA DUNES, THE CASUAL COAST

- Portage
- Chesterton
- Valparaiso
- Indiana Dunes
- Valparaiso University
- Popcorn Festival
- Wizard of Oz Festival

Porter County Convention,
Recreation and Visitors Center
www.indianadunes.com
800.283.8687

THE HEART AND SOUL OF ECOTOURISM.

FIRST, THERE ARE THE DUNES: THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES; they move, they creep, they evolve. There are bogs (ancient sounding name; mysterious). There is geological history that includes glaciers and moraines (places made out of glacier pocket lint). And there is human history featuring 200-year-old newcomers. Biodiversity and habitats boast rare butterflies and tiny foxes, wetlands and prairies and forests and swamps and savannas and more. Much more. There are rookeries (safe houses for birds). And a watershed preserve named after an early settler mishap with coffee beans spilling into the creek – it's home to such intriguing-sounding treasures as sedges, forbs and fens. There are upland forests and lowland forests and wet prairies and dry prairies and places called pannes. There's a moat community – the edge of a bog – where the only neighbors are plants. And whole colonies of plantlife that claimed their residence more than 4,000 years ago, and then set about setting up rules for who and what else would be allowed in. And there are very special people who protect, nurture, restore and rebalance this remarkable place all year long. And you are quite cordially invited to explore, experience, enjoy and learn from it all. They call it: "Indiana Dunes." ■

www.indianadunes.com 800.959.9174



TER COUNTRY

and valor remembered, some “hot” times.

MAKING HISTORY.

It was 1998. Sammy Sosa was in the worst slump of his career. He'd tried everything he could think of to break out of it. Then he picked up a new bat, and slammed his way back to his true winning form and National League MVP. The solution was close to home – Valparaiso – where the **Hoosier Bat Company** had been serving up winning bats since 1991. And it's the same place you can come to get a custom-made bat created just for you. ■



www.hoosierbat.com 800.228.3787

A TRIBUTE TO COURAGE AND POTENTIAL.

Almost 30 years after the last muskets were fired in war, bricks were being fired in ovens. Because some men had fought and died for ideals, others were now building to commemorate them. The **Memorial Opera House** in Valparaiso was constructed in 1893 as a tribute to Civil War veterans. Within its sweeping arches and graceful domes, behind its warm brick and ageless stone, there has been a century of excellence in the performing arts.

A hundred years ago, the citizens of Valparaiso created a place for the beauty and potential of mankind to outlast its tragedies. ■

www.memorialoperahouse.com 219.548.9137

CREOLE, CAJUN...THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

Creole cooking evolved in New Orleans as a spicy mix of French, Spanish, Italian, Native American, African and other ethnic traditions. Cajun originated in Southern France, emigrated to Nova Scotia in the 1600s, and then to Louisiana bayou country, where traditional Cajun “blackening” became a spice-searing cooking method. The best of both are thriving in a little place called “**Hot or Not**” in Portage. Crawfish etouffee...roux... jambalaya...and more. Plus, live blues and jazz performed by some of the legends. It's New Orleans “north”...served with Midwestern hospitality. ■

www.hotomatotcajun.org 219.762.1984





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Follow the antiques road, hooked on fishing, a small



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THE HEART OF IT ALL

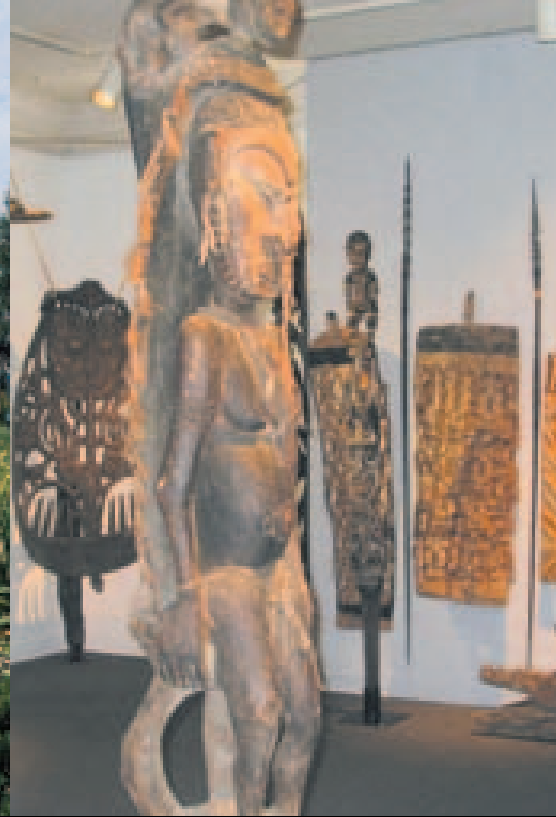
- LaPorte
- Michigan City
- Heston
- Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets
- Mt. Baldy/Lake Michigan
- Blue Chip Casino
- East Shore at Pine Lake

LaPorte County Convention
and Visitors Bureau
www.laportecountycvb.com
888.493.5349

COME AGAIN.

YOU'VE GOT TO LOVE ANYTHING THAT LINKS TO A WEBSITE WITH the name of "olddoodads.com" and boasts about the dogs that will greet you when you enter one of its locations. Quirky, eccentric, and just plain fine antiques are all a part of the LaPorte County Antiques Tour. More than a dozen shops and malls, all within 20 minutes of each other. You start in Michigan City and wind your way over to LaPorte. You explore a two-floor Victorian building, a 100-year-old church, a retired boarding school dormitory, a few 18th-century homes and old buildings, an 1890s farm, and several charming malls – all packed full of tantalizing goods and individual personality. In some, you find European goods; in others, homespun wares. There is art and music and musical instruments. German dolls and kitchen things. Costume jewels and ultra-fine china. Victorian furniture and Art Deco. Vintage masks and fancy costumes. Classic movie posters and rare old books. Stained glass windows and glass marble shooters. Restored light fixtures and soft-worn linens. And, of course, a couple of dogs and a lot of old doo-dads. This, you discover, is a more-than-one-visit find. ■

www.harborcountry-in.org
www.olddoodads.com 800.839.0586



ORT E C O U N T Y

beacon on a great lake, a town filled with talent.

DON'T LET THIS ONE GET AWAY.

The names alone intrigue you: Sanity III, Fuzzy Bear, Banzai, Rusty Reel, etc. Some offer a provocative option of exploring historical shipwrecks. Most will accommodate sunset excursions. They even welcome you regardless of your experience. But what they all promise is some of the best charter boat sport fishing anywhere. The quarry will shift from Chinook to Lake Trout to Coho to Steelhead, depending on the season and water temperatures. But for the pure enjoyment of fresh air, open water, challenge and relaxation, there is no limit. ■

www.laportecountycvb.com 800.634.2650

A BEACON IN THE NIGHT.

A starless night. Storm clouds encasing even the slightest flicker of moonlight. Black and cold as the grave. An entire ship of souls depending on a single lighthouse almost 15 miles away on the southern shore of Lake Michigan. It wouldn't fail them. In the

mid-1800s, countless lives were preserved by the diligence of the keepers of that **LaPorte County lighthouse**, and its lantern fueled by whale oil. Today, it's a museum where you can step through its doors and back into time. ■

www.laportecountycvb.com 219.872.6133

MAKING IT PERSONAL.

The potter's wheel whirls and a vessel takes shape under the hands of its master. An original watercolor stops you to drink in its hues. A sculpture catches your imagination. A photograph catches your breath. In one day you've been touched by the works and words of almost two dozen artists. You talk to them. Learn about their past and future dreams. You invest in their talent. You take home a masterpiece. And, once you've experienced the **Heart of Art Studio and Gallery Tour** in Michigan City, you come back, year after year. ■

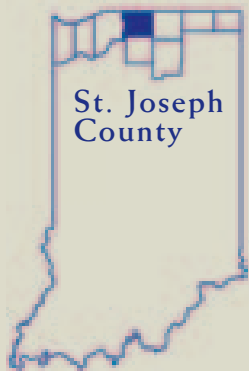
www.arborealarts.com/thoa/thoa.htm 800.572.3359





S E C R E T S *of* S T . J

A chapel of treasures, a treasury of trout and



SOUTH BEND / MISHAWAKA LIVE THE LEGENDS

- South Bend
- Mishawaka
- University of Notre Dame
- College Football Hall of Fame
- Studebaker National Museum
- Copshaholm – the Oliver Mansion
- South Bend Chocolate Company & Chocolate Museum

South Bend / Mishawaka
Convention and Visitors Bureau
www.livethelegends.org
877.792.7687

A HISTORY OF FAITH.

IN A HUSHED ATMOSPHERE OF REVERENCE, ONE SMALL CHAPEL IN South Bend gently protects treasures of remarkable historic and religious significance. Relics from each of the 12 Apostles; a piece of the manger at Bethlehem; scraps of cloth from the veil of the Virgin Mary; a relic from the True Cross; and more. They are all in the Reliquary Chapel – one of seven chapels in the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart**. Within the Basilica's Museum, there is a lovely, ornate chalice – a gift to a newly ordained priest in 1929. The gold and diamonds that went into creating the chalice were faithfully donated by 2,850 individuals. In recognition of their generosity, the priest had all 2,850 names inscribed on a minute scroll, which was sealed into the stem of the vessel. This same Basilica is also home to the oldest Carillon in North America. It includes 23 bells and a seven-ton "great bell" named St. Anthony. From secret relics to precious jewels to bells of significance. These are but three of the myriad of secrets of faith you can experience firsthand on the campus of the **University of Notre Dame**. ■

www.nd.edu/~prininfo 574.631.5726



O S E P H C O U N T Y

salmon, America on wheels, gridiron greats.

THE ANGLER'S SECRET.

Pre-dawn mist. Companionable silence. Peacefulness and beauty as only nature can create it. Patience, timing and skill, passed from one generation to the next. There's a reason people are devoted to the art of fishing. And there's a reason people from across the country are devoted to fishing the St. Joseph River. The Bodine State Fish Hatchery in Mishawaka and the South Bend Fish Ladder are part of that reason. The rest can be summed up with the words: Trophy Steelhead Trout, Chinook and Coho Salmon. ■

www.livethelegends.org 574.255-4199

COAST TO COAST AND BACK AGAIN.

In the mid 1800s, the Conestoga Wagon was making cross-country trips that defeated other transportation modes. Less than 100 years later, one automobile outran both trains and other cars in a cross-country race. And only 24 years after that, one make of car won four NASCAR national races. Three national milestones,

over a century of success, one manufacturer: Studebaker. A national museum in downtown South Bend displays the entire illustrious career of this one-of-a-kind company – from the 1835 wagons that tamed the West, to the 1935 Roadster that defined an era, to the 1966 Cruiser that retired the family name. ■

www.studebakermuseum.org 574.235.9714

IF YOU VISIT, YOU WILL KNOW.

He was a small town boy. Well-liked, a hard worker. And could that boy play football! In one game, he scored four touchdowns in the first 12 minutes of play. He became known as the "Galloping Ghost." Today, Red Grange's jersey resides in the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend. There, along with uniforms, trophies and equipment, you'll also find a used soup bowl, a trombone (slightly dented) and a few other unexpected oddities. Want to know why? ■

www.collegefootball.org 800.440.FAME





S E C R E T S *of* M A R S

Storybook charm, a star-gazer's delight,



BLUEBERRY COUNTRY

- Plymouth
- Culver
- Bremen
- Culver Academies
- Swan Lake Resort
- Edgewater Grille
- Blueberry Festival

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JUST LIKE YOU WOULD IMAGINE.

CLOSE YOUR EYES. IMAGINE THE EDUCATIONAL ACADEMY you'd expect to find in fictional novels and films. One of the country's top college preparatory boarding schools. Ages-old stone and brick buildings. Turrets and parapets and other castle-like architectural features. Towering bells. Acres of surrounding woods and gaming fields. A large, sparkling-clear lake for rowing regattas. Riding stables filled with the scent of hay and horses - the soft rustle of hooves in straw, a warm rush of breath on your sleeve. Just to make it perfect, create in your mind's eye a parade of well-groomed black stallions ridden by students in precision. The world-renowned "Black Horse Troop." Then, polite, hospitable young people guide you on a tour of the entire school and grounds. Or, you can wander on your own. You see gardens and historic markers and statues. In the summertime, students also provide performances of Native American dances and other unique entertainment. And the whole place is nestled within a town of equal storybook charm, beauty and hospitality. Now, open your eyes. Look at the **Culver Academies**. Experience this century-old school and town you only thought you imagined. ■

www.culver.org 800.5.CULVER



HALL COUNTY

native history, old-fashioned fun.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT.

The Americans native to this place would have known such nights their entire lives. But today, there are only a handful of places where you can have such an experience. Here, soft, velvety blackness surrounds you and the heavens take your breath away. It is called a "dark sky preserve." It's designed to be protected from any "scattered" or ambient light from civilization, so astronomers and stargazers can come and study or simply marvel at the skies in pristine natural darkness. Appropriately, it is located in and protected by the Potawatomi Wildlife Park. ■

www.getintonature.com 574.498.6550

A MONUMENT TO REMEMBER.

They walked for 61 days. Men, women, children. They had no choice. Government decree forced people of the Potawatomi Nation to leave their homes and relocate to Kansas. It was in the Autumn of 1838. More than 850 persons began the trail – 40 of them never completed it. It became known as the "Trail of Death." The beginning

of that trail is now marked by a monument to the Potawatomi Chief who led the heartbreaking journey: **Chief Menominee**. Sometimes, history is tragic. But it must always be remembered. ■

www.blueberrycountry.org 800.626.5353

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

It's called the "Blueberry Festival." But what it really celebrates is everything that's great about life in the Midwest. With legendary small-town warmth and welcome, a half-million people get to believe this is their hometown for four days every year. Parades, music of every description, fireworks, more than 500 craft vendors, arm wrestling, softball, foot races, games for children, sporting events and more. And, of course, more treats than can be imagined involving blueberries. It is, after all, the "Blueberry Festival." ■

www.blueberryfestival.org 888.936.5020





S E C R E T S *of* K O S C

That's entertainment, six climates in a single

A THEATRE AMONG CRICKETS AND MOONLIGHT.

CRICKETS SHARED THE OPENING OVERTURE. THE MOON AND STARS competed with footlights. It was 50 years ago, and the Wagon Wheel Theatre played to weekend crowds under a tent. It was the personal dream of resident Major Herbert Petrie to bring top quality professional theater and other performances to the Midwest – for a fraction of the cost theatergoers endured in major cities like New York, San Francisco and Chicago. To make the experience complete, he created the opportunity for adjacent buffet dining. Today, his vision continues, although the tent has long-ago been replaced with a permanent theater-in-the-round – where no seat is further than 10 rows away from the stage. And the current adjacent full-service restaurant now also combines with overnight accommodations for a complete hotel, meeting, restaurant and entertainment complex. The original commitment to professional quality and affordability, however, remains nicely intact. Today, young people also benefit through a year-round children's workshop program where they have the opportunity to learn all aspects of theater – writing, marketing, production, performance. Which is more than even the Major might have imagined in his field of crickets and moonlight. ■

www.wagonwheeltheatre.com 866.823.2618



SAINTS, SINNERS AND SUNSHINE

- Warsaw
- Syracuse
- North Webster
- Mentone
- Winona Lake
- Wagon Wheel Theatre
- Village at Winona

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I U S K O C O U N T Y

acre, a village saved, one-of-a-kind finds.

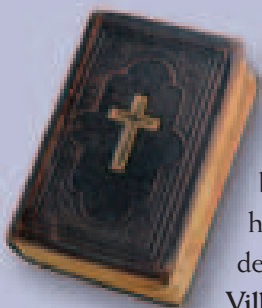
STROLL THE GARDENS OF THE BIBLE.

On less than one acre, in the heart of downtown Warsaw, there are six microclimates (representing the environments of the Bible) – including meadow, orchard, forest and desert. Large shade trees, flowers, vegetables and herbs, a brook, stone walls, and spaces for gathering and solitude. **The Gardens** are a rare oasis, rich in beauty and tranquility, a source of study and inspiration for persons of all faiths and ages. ■

www.warsawbiblicalgardens.org 574.267.6419

ATHLETE, EVANGELIST, SHOWMAN.

Before he got his calling, **Billy Sunday** played for the Chicago White Stockings (now the Chicago Cubs). He gave up the fame of baseball for the glory of Heaven, although he continued to entertain with his brimstone preaching full of drama and humor. Many of Billy's sermons were delivered from his front porch steps in the **Village at Winona Lake**; his home is now a



museum. Today you can also experience how, a generation later, more than souls were "saved" when local entrepreneurs began carefully reclaiming and restoring the entire **Village at Winona** – stores, hotels, cottages and all. ■

www.villageatwinona.com 877.786.3292 574.268.9888

MORE THAN 3,000 MEMORIES.

For anyone who celebrates Christmas, some of the fondest memories are reflected in the glint of a Christmas tree ornament. Many of life's milestones are commemorated this way. For 30 years, Hallmark has called them "keepsakes." In 1973, six glass balls and 12 yarn creations were just a sideline to their cards. Today, more than 250 different designs are released each year, and they're among the hottest collectibles in the nation. Warsaw has the only complete collection in the U.S. open to the public, in the **Hallmark Ornament Museum**. ■

www.thepartyshop.com 574.267.8787





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The beauty of backroads, the epicenter of



NORTHERN INDIANA AMISH COUNTRY

- Elkhart
- Goshen
- Nappanee
- Middlebury
- Wakarusa
- Amish Acres
- Das Dutchman Essenhaus

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www.amishcountry.org
800.278.9332

GALASSENHEIF.

TRAVELING THE BACKROADS OF ELKHART COUNTY, YOU'LL OFTEN notice odd rut-like indentations in the road surfaces. They're not very deep, and a little mysterious – not quite recognizable. But as you continue to explore this part of Northern Indiana known as "Amish Country," you'll soon discover the cause of these gentle tracks. They're the result of many, many horse-drawn black buggies. There's something strangely reassuring about these marks. They're reminders of a wonderful culture that's alive and thriving in middle America today, founded on faith and family, hard work and community, peace and responsibility. A culture that cares more about these things than about modern-day speed and convenience and personal accumulation. The word "galassenheif" is an Amish summary of this way of life. It means "always yielding." You can become an informed observer, a welcomed guest, even a part-time participant in this centuries-old lifestyle, when you take the remarkable "Heritage Trail Audio Driving Tour." With its in-depth audiotope and companion book, you'll be given detailed directions, but also encouraged to make the trip all your own. Experience history, natural beauty, recreation, wonderful food, memorable lodging, and more. Just remember the Amish life lessons to slow down and focus on the trip more than the destination. And whenever something catches your fancy... "galassenheif." ■

www.AmishCountry.org 800.860.5952



H A R T C O U N T Y

RVs, songs by nature, factory originals.

THEY USED TO CALL THEM "TRAILERS."

Lucy and Desi drove one from coast to coast in the film classic *The Long, Long, Trailer*, and the nation packed up their families and traveled along with them. A model similar to the Lucy-Desi movie motorhome is a 42-foot-long, 1954 "Spartan Imperial Mansion" that's on display in Elkhart's RV/Mobile Home Heritage Museum. What better place to have a shrine to the RV industry than the RV Capital of the world? Half of the nation's RVs are produced here. Leading manufacturers offer free factory tours for a behind-the-scenes look. ■

www.AmishCountry.org 800.262.8161

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF NATURE.

It's one of the fastest-growing pastimes in the country. All ages can participate, in practically all seasons. It's family-friendly. And only a little "addictive." It's bird-watching (or, in the vernacular: "birding"). One of the best places to participate in this delightful outdoor adventure is Bonneyville Mill County Park near Bristol. Due to the park's many open field areas, a nearby river,

and even an active grist mill, you'll find an abundance of songbird species. For beginners (whose current birding ability may be limited to "duck" and "pigeon") wildlife specialists are ready to help. ■

www.elkhartcountyparks.org 574.535.6458

A DAY AT THE FACTORY.

Originally a soap company, then a bag manufacturer, a lovingly restored space close to downtown Goshen has retained its almost 100-year-old name, along with much of its structural character. But today, the Old Bag Factory houses a host of artisans, specialty shops, and cafes. More than a marketplace, this charming historic site features artists and craftsmen who give live demonstrations, discuss their work with patrons and often custom-create special orders. Pottery, crystal, sculpture, furniture, quilts, soaps, antiques. A visit through this vintage treasure is a day-long affair. ■

www.oldbagfactory.com 574.534.2502





S E C R E T S *of* L A G R

Some serious shopping, a touch of history,



AMISH BACKROADS

- Howe
- LaGrange
- Shipshewana
- Topeka
- Shipshewana Flea Market
- Blue Gate Restaurant & Theater
- Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Reserve

LaGrange County Convention
and Visitors Bureau
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800.254.8090

A CULTURE OF SHARING.

TWENTY-SOME YEARS AGO, MANY AREA FAMILIES OPERATED productive dairy farms. Several local industries were their major customers, until these businesses began closing their doors and moving away. Rather than let their neighbors suffer such a loss, four local entrepreneurs assured the dairies of a continuing market. They created "Deutsch Kase Haus" (German Cheese House) and began manufacturing a variety of cheeses from the local milk. Today, it is one of the largest suppliers of colby longhorn in the nation. This is only one example. For more than 20-some years, Shipshewana has epitomized this special German-Amish-Midwestern-American heritage of looking out for each other. Of always sharing. It's a culture that's happily still thriving in the incredible array of buying opportunities within this small hometown and along its country roads. Fine furniture, distinctive baked goods and dining, local antiques and collectibles, homegrown produce and flowers, handmade toys, quilts, rugs and jewelry, gifts, and more than can be listed here, are all available year 'round. Plus, from May to October, over 1,000 (that's right) additional vendors converge for the Midwest's largest flea market. Come share it. Experience it. (Just don't forget the cheese.) ■

www.backroads.org 800.254.8090



A N G E C O U N T Y

untouched nature, a walk in their shoes.

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

Can you see him? He works by gaslight late into the night. Does he think of his native Germany and the centuries-old craft he continues here in his new homeland? Can you hear him? The methodic rasp of the chisel against the wood, followed by the soft caress of his hand, feeling the art as much as seeing it. Are his thoughts on his studies?

He pays for his tuition in return for his skill. He pays his bills as he pays tribute to God – hand carving the pews for St. James Chapel in Howe. Here, lay your

hands where he laid his, a century ago. ■

www.backroads.org 260.562.2131

HUSH.

When you're out on the river in a canoe, you whisper. It isn't a rule, it's just what you do. As you glide down the Pigeon River in a canoe rented from Trading Post Canoe Rental in Mongo, you're keenly aware of the hushed atmosphere surrounding you – 11,500 acres of

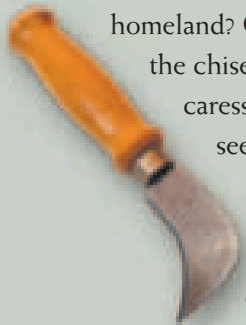
protected, preserved nature (the largest such remaining area in the Midwest). You listen; you breathe deeply; you watch silently. Plants and animals untouched by civilization. Native wildlife as it was hundreds of years ago. A trip on a time machine with oars. ■

www.backroads.org 260.367.2493

START WHERE THEY STARTED.

It's been called more of a story than a museum. It includes a Swiss courtyard and a medieval dungeon. It's a history of great faith and courage. It traces the 500-year journey of the Amish and Mennonite believers on their way to Northern Indiana and beyond. This heritage is honored and shared with interactive environments, hands-on displays and experiential exhibits. Built entirely by members of the faith, the Menno-Hof Amish-Mennonite Visitors Center in Shipshewana is a gateway to understanding. ■

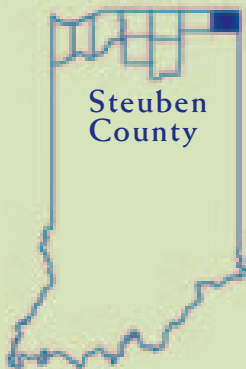
www.mennohof.org 260.768.4117





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800.LAKE.101

LONG, LONG AGO, BUT NOT SO VERY FAR.

FOR AS LONG AS FOLKS CAN REMEMBER, EVEN LONGER THAN history records, we humans have taken great joy in gathering together: making music for one another, celebrating nature's gifts to us, telling each other stories, remembering our past, and entertaining all our generations. It still happens in Pokagon State Park in Steuben County throughout the seasons of summer and fall. In June, our neighbors to the south, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, perform on the lawn of the Potawatomi Inn, overlooking Lake James. Boats are as welcome as lawn chairs and blankets for listening to the moving patriotic compositions. In August, the skies take over with an annual meteor shower. Some folks spend hours with telescopes, closely studying these passionate performers. Others lie back and simply gaze up in wonder all through the night. Between encore after encore of showy splendor, tales of starry legends are shared with everyone. By Autumn Harvest, a down-home "Hoedown" and "Archaeology Day" invite guests to enjoy bonfires and ghost stories and reflections on the past. Fitting experiences for a place that is open to all who wish to come – and named in honor of the first people to gather here. ■

www.lakes101.org 260.833.2012



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RE-THINK THE PAST.

Suddenly, you're back in time. It's more than 150 years ago, and you're on the open plains. Your saddle creaks beneath you. The sun is warm on your back. And in front of you is a vista of hulking great buffalo. The few calves among them remind you that this is a living, breathing, museum. This is a horseback tour of the **Wild Winds Buffalo Preserve** in Fremont. There is a vehicle version as well. But the impact is the same. The intricate, historical relationship between these beautiful beasts and humans is worthy of firsthand contemplation. ■

www.wildwindsbuffalo.com 260.495.0137

A TASTE OF HISTORY.

Three generations ago, Pam's family had an apple orchard on the banks of Lake James. Good apples. Then Pam married Larry Satek. Larry was a good chemist with a good vision. He and Pam planted grapes instead of apples and established the **Satek Winery**. Good decision. A decade later, this unassuming,

award-winning winery is part wine bar, part chemistry lab. You can see the process through glassed walls, learn about each wine they make and sample the results. *Excellent results.* ■

www.satekwinery.com 260.495.WINE

TREASURES WITHIN A TREASURE.

It's hard to decide where to look first – at the antiques and collectibles that surround you or the magnificent structure in which they're housed. **Barn Stable Antiques** in Fremont is a captivating location on many levels – literally. The barn itself is multi-leveled, with floors of hand-laid brick. The vaulted, beamed ceiling draws your eyes up – but the intriguing wares within draw them back. Tucked away in this cozy corner of the state, in a building created a century in the past, could be just the treasure you've been looking for. ■

www.barnstableantiques.com 260.495.2276





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SECRETS *of* HISTORY

INDIANA'S WRITTEN HISTORY ACTUALLY GOES BACK SEVERAL CENTURIES. Northern Indiana in particular enjoys a past steeped in adventure tempered with tradition. But always, there has been a spirit of unmistakable hospitality toward all. ■

Here are some possibilities for trip itineraries. Try one of these or make up one of your own. Uncover your own "Secrets of History" along the way.

TRIP ITINERARY

LAKE COUNTY

- 1 The Community Veterans Memorial (Munster)
One of the only memorials in the country that commemorates World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm veterans. On nine acres.
www.communityveteransmemorial.org • 219.836.4582

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

- Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame)
One of the nation's most highly respected Catholic colleges for women. Founded in 1844 and located on a beautifully landscaped 275-acre campus steeped in tradition and history.
www.saintmarys.edu • 574.284.4000

- Tippecanoe Place (South Bend)
A fine continental restaurant built in 1889 and originally the home of Clement Studebaker. Features 40 rooms and 20 fireplaces, all fully restored to recapture the elegance of its glory days.
www.livethelegends.org • 574.234.9077

MARSHALL COUNTY

- Marshall County Historical Society and Museum (Plymouth)
Representing life in Marshall County through three floors of exhibits and genealogy. On the second floor, room settings reflect historic offices used by lawyers, doctors, various businesses and H.J. Heinz.
www.mchistoricalociety.org • 574.936.2306



ITINERARY

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Lake County
St. Joseph County
Marshall County

TRIP ITINERARY

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

- **The Bell Aircraft Museum (Mentone)**
A memorial to local legend and aviation pioneer Lawrence Bell. With access to Bell's private collection of aircraft and aviation memorabilia.
www.koscvb.org • 574.353.7113

- **Village at Winona (Winona Lake)**
Restored in 1994 from sub-standard, crumbling buildings, now Winona has a colorful, quaint village atmosphere. With unique specialty shops and dining experiences for all visitors.
www.villageatwinona.com • 574.268.9888

LAGRANGE COUNTY

- 2 **Hoosier Buggy Shop (Topeka)**
Specializing in repairing, restoring and building buggies and carriages, including prairie schooners, stagecoaches, fancy carriages, and Amish buggies. Features a tour and a collection of completed carriages.
www.backroads.org • 260.593.2192

- **Miller's Buggy Line Tours (Shipshewana)**
Buggy rides, backroads country tours, step-on guides and Amish farm tours. Featuring a thresher meal at an Amish home on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
www.buggylinetours.com • 888.442.8449

STEUBEN COUNTY

- **Powers Church (Angola)**
Summer services are still held at this church, built in 1876 and featuring original oak and butternut woodwork, kerosene lamps, and a pump organ.
www.lakes101.org • 260.665.5498



ITINERARY

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Kosciusko County
LaGrange County
Steuben County

TRIP ITINERARY

PORTER COUNTY

- **Stagecoach Inn Museum (Hebron)**
An authentic stagecoach shop and inn, built in 1849 and now standing as a museum. Adjacent to Panhandle Depot railroad museum, built in 1867.
www.indianadunes.com • 219.996.5678

LAPORTE COUNTY

- **Door Prairie Auto Museum (LaPorte)**
Three floors of classic automobiles, airplanes, antique toys and historic facades spanning 100 years of automobile history.
www.dpautomuseum.com • 219.326.1337
- 3 **Great Lakes Museum of Military History (Michigan City)**
Displays of military memorabilia from all eras, including military vehicle displays, uniforms, photos, edged weapons, posters, medals, firearms, research library, archives and more.
www.militaryhistorymuseum.org • 800.726.5912

ELKHART COUNTY

- **National New York Central Railroad Museum (Elkhart)**
Trace the railroad heritage of Elkhart and its impact on the nation through photographs, videos and hands-on exhibits.
www.nycrrmuseum.org • 574.294.3001
- **Ol' Barn Bed & Breakfast (Goshen)**
A restored 120-year-old barn that's been converted into home and guest residence. Full of warmth, with weathered wood and authentic touches. Plus it retains much of its olden-days charm, including a rope hanging from the rafters for kids and adults to swing on.
www.amishcountrybb.org • 574.642.3222



ITINERARY

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Porter County
LaPorte County
Elkhart County



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SECRETS of NATURE

MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, GLACIERS DROVE THROUGH NORTHERN INDIANA, slowly emptying their pockets along the way. As a result, we enjoy a depth and variety of natural wonders – from hidden lakes to world-famous dunes to wetlands and sanctuaries for wildlife. ■

Take a look at these possibilities for trip itineraries. Pick and choose, create your own. "Secrets of Nature" abound in Northern Indiana.

TRIP ITINERARY

PORTER COUNTY

- **Anderson's Orchards & Vineyards (Valparaiso)**
Winner of state, regional and national winemaking competitions. Offering free wine tasting, a country market, gift items, homemade baked goods and tours.
www.andersonsvineyard.com • 219.464.4936
- **Taltree Arboretum & Gardens (Valparaiso)**
A natural sanctuary, with 360 acres of hiking trails, wetlands and prairies. Home to a diverse variety of plants and animals, including more than 50 species of birds. Interpretive guided tours available.
www.taltree.org • 219.462.0025

- **Swan Lake Resort (Plymouth)**
Home of the United States Golf Academy, with comfortable overnight lodging, superb restaurants, indoor and outdoor pools, health spa, tennis, and 36 holes of championship golf.
www.slresort.com • 800.582.7539

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

- **Lake Wawasee (Syracuse)**
Indiana's largest natural lake at 3,200 acres. Unique lodging, cottages, elegant restaurants, entertainment and shopping for summer vacationers, boaters, skiers, and those who love the outdoors.
www.syracusein.org • 574.457.3348

MARSHALL COUNTY

- 1 **Lake Maxinkuckee (Culver)**
A 1,864-acre lake, with a public beach, rental boats, fishing, and a wide variety of recreational opportunities.
www.blueberrycountry.org • 574.842.3375



ITINERARY

Porter County
Marshall County
Kosciusko County

TRIP ITINERARY

LAKE COUNTY

- **Deep River County Park and Woods Historic Grist Mill (Hobart)**

One of the most beautiful parks in Northwest Indiana. Home to an 1800s sawmill and the Deep River Grinders, who play baseball under 1858 rules.

www.lakecountyparks.com • 219.947.1958

- **Hammond Lakefront Park and Bird Sanctuary (Hammond)**

A small patch of woods, surrounded by heavy industry yet attracting an amazing number and variety of birds during migration. Sightings have included everything from lake sparrows to Connecticut warblers to northern goshawks.

www.alllake.org • 800.ALL.LAKE

LAPORTE COUNTY

- **LaPorte County Bikeway System**

Twenty bike rides totaling 400 miles and featuring natural terrain, communities and parks. Bike loops are 12 to 33 miles in length and vary in difficulty from easy to moderate.

www.bicyclesbeachesandbackroads.com • 888.259.5999

- **Luhr County Park (LaPorte)**

Features a unique marshland boardwalk and observation tower, two-acre fishing pond, gift shop, and Nature Center with bird-viewing room and live animal displays.

www.alco.org/countyparks • 2129-324-5855

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

- ② **East Race Waterway (South Bend)**

The first artificial whitewater course built in America and host to both Olympic training teams and world-class whitewater slalom races. Available to the public to run the rapids on summer weekends.

www.livethelegends.org • 574.299.4768



ITINERARY

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Lake County
LaPorte County
St. Joseph County

TRIP ITINERARY

ELKHART COUNTY

- **Prairie Trail Farm (Goshen)**

More than 200 varieties of plants and flowers in a garden setting and greenhouse, and featuring unusual garden accessories, dried floral and herbal items.

www.AmishCountry.org • 574.642.3555

LAGRANGE COUNTY

- **Maple Lane Wildlife Farm (Topeka)**

See exotic animals native to such places as England, Peru, Vietnam, Australia, China, Canada and India. With a self-guided tour through a shaded wildlife area, as well as a domestic farm area.

www.backroads.org • 260.593.2248

STEBEN COUNTY

- ③ **Refrigerated Toboggan (Angola)**

Slide down the state's only refrigerated toboggan slide (1,700 feet, dual-lane). Open winter weekends at Pokagon State Park.

www.lakes101.org • 260-833-2012

- **Wing Haven (Angola)**

A beautiful natural wonder, including most of the Seven Sisters Lakes, scenic trails, slopes, valleys, a log home and outbuildings. Ideal for biking, nature study and photography.

www.lakes101.org • 800.LAKE.101



ITINERARY

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Elkhart County
LaGrange County
Steuben County



SECRETS *of* CULTURE

MUCH OF INDIANA WAS SETTLED BY EUROPEANS, AFRICANS AND ASIANS moving up from the South. Others came from the East. This eclectic blend mingled with a strong Native American presence for a rich and varied cultural heritage. ■

Plan a trip or just discover some "Secrets of Culture" as you go. We've pointed out a few potential stops here, but there are plenty more.

TRIP ITINERARY

LAPORTE COUNTY

- **International Friendship Gardens (Michigan City)**
A collection of gardens in various stages of restoration, representative of leading nations. Surrounded by wooded trails and an abundance of peace and tranquility.
www.friendshipgardens.org • 219.878.9885

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

- **The Dixie (North Webster)**
Indiana's oldest sternwheel paddleboat, with a daily cruise schedule and narrated tours.
www.koscvb.org • 800.566.2551

1 The Renecker Museum of Winona History (Winona Lake)

Chronicles the fascinating history of Winona Lake, known for years as the "World's Largest Bible Conference." Features the Homer Rodebeaver Collection. Located on the campus of Grace College.
www.grace.edu • 574.372.5100

STEUBEN COUNTY

- **Pokagon State Park Interpretive Services (Angola)**
Family-friendly programs include daily tours and talks, bikes, bird watching, sit-down programs, crafts and nature study projects.
www.lakes101.org • 260.833.2021
- **Field & Stream Gallery (Angola)**
Wildlife art and gifts, nautical gifts, prints featuring Terry Reddlin, carvings, sculptures, collectible plates, bird seed and bird feeders. Custom framing and limited editions available.
www.fieldandstreamgallery.com • 260.665.2250



LaPorte County
Kosciusko County
Steuben County

TRIP ITINERARY

LAKE COUNTY

- **Downtown Lowell**

More than 30 specialty stores in a historic small-town setting. Charming shops, great restaurants, sidewalk benches, smiling faces and a gazebo.

www.shoplowellindiana.com • 219.696.6487

- **Skystone N' Silver (Hobart)**

Featuring Native American jewelry, rugs, art, pottery, sculpture (stone, wood, bronze), original art, prints, knives, books, music and more. Native American arts and artists only.

www.alllake.org • 219.942.9022

PORTER COUNTY

- ② **Dune Ridge Winery (Porter)**

Offering free tasting of award-winning premium wines, winery tours, wine-related gifts, and a shady picnic area.

www.duneridgewinery.com • 219.926.5532

- **Yellow Brick Road Gift Shop and Fantasy Museum (Chesterton)**

Featuring memorabilia from MGM's "The Wizard of Oz," some of which have been donated by cast members or their heirs.

www.yellowbrickroadonline.com • 219.926.7048

MARSHALL COUNTY

- **The Bear End (Culver)**

The biggest little bear shop in Northern Indiana. Featuring Teddy Bears waiting for adoption, including Steiff, Gund, Annette Funicello, Knickerbocker and Russ. A must-see for the collector.

www.thebearend.com • 219.842.3398

- **Wizawzibek Native American Cultural Center (Plymouth)**

Preserving and sharing 10,000 years of Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture. With interesting and informative programs on the history, traditions and crafts of these Native Americans.

www.wnacc.org • 800.626.5353



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Lake County
Porter County
Marshall County

TRIP ITINERARY

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

- **Copshaholm, the Oliver Mansion (South Bend)**

The 38-room stone home of J.D. Oliver, president of the Oliver Chilled Plow Works. Built of native Indiana field-stone and featuring original furnishings on all three floors.

www.centerforhistory.org • 574.235.9664

- **Hannah Lindahl Children's Museum (Mishawaka)**

Hands-on exhibits for kids of all ages. Featuring Native American artifacts, tools and clothing from the 19th century, antique musical instruments, firefighting equipment, mastodon bones, and much more.

www.hlcm.org • 574.254.4540

ELKHART COUNTY

- **Amish Acres Historic Old Order Farmstead (Nappanee)**

A unique look at the Amish culture, with a restored farmhouse, gros dadi haus, bank barn, meat and cheese shop, old mint still, wagon shed, saw mill, ice house, Amish German schoolhouse and restaurant barn. With buildings dating back to the 1800s.

www.AmishAcres.com • 800.800.4942

- ③ **Ruthmere Museum (Elkhart)**

An exquisite Beaux Arts residence that reflects the privileged lifestyle of an affluent Midwestern family in the first decades of the 20th century. Furnished with Louis XV revival pieces, Dresden and Sevres porcelain, Wedgwood pottery, Steuben art glass, and sculptures and paintings by noted 19th century artists.

www.ruthmere.org • 888.287.7696

LAGRANGE COUNTY

- **Emma General Store (Emma)**

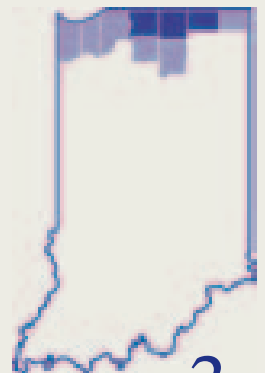
An old-fashioned general store, with a soda fountain serving lunch, ice cream and homemade pie. Built in 1934, it features old-style wooden floors, unique items from the area and small-town hospitality.

www.backroads.org • 260.593.9025

- **Lambright Woodworking (Topeka)**

Watch as rough lumber is turned into beautiful handcrafted furniture and cabinets, without electricity or modern technology.

www.backroads.org • 260.593.2721



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St. Joseph County
Elkhart County
LaGrange County



SECRETS *of* YEAR-ROUND FUN

Festivals. Events. Tours.

MARCH 27

Phil Vassar – Ramada Wagon Wheel Concert Series, Warsaw

The reigning ASCAP Country Songwriter of the Year has been awarded for his songwriting achievements from Billboard, American Songwriter and the NSAI.

866.823.2618

www.wagonwheeltheatre.com

APRIL 23-24

Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival, Wakarusa

Maple syrup camp tours, giant jellybeans, games, a parade, and hot-off-the-griddle pancakes with authentic maple syrup.

800.860.5958

www.AmishCountry.org

APRIL 25

LaPorte County Antique Show, LaPorte

More than 100 dealers converge in the "Antique Mecca" of Northern Indiana. First of four shows.

888.493.5349

www.bicyclebeachesandbackroads.com

MAY 1

Colonel Murray Kite Festival, Valparaiso

Kite flying, demonstrations, kite building, kids' activities, tractor-drawn wagon rides, food and merchandise booths. Admission charged.

219.465.3586

www.porterco.org/county/parks

MAY 1-2

World War II Reenactment, Lowell

Commemorate WWII at the Buckley Homestead.

Reenactment battle, WWII tanks, trucks and military equipment, USO entertainment and historic buildings.

219.696.8969

www.lakecountyparks.com

MAY 4-5 THRU OCTOBER 26-27

Shipshewana Flea Market / Opening Days

Largest Midwest outdoor flea market every Tuesday and Wednesday, May through October. Over 1,000 booths! 31,000 square feet of antiques. Shop till you drop!

260.768.4129

www.backroads.org

MAY 7-8

Mayfest, Shipshewana

Celebrate Spring! Food, music, shopping, parade, kids' activities and family fun.

800.254.8090

www.backroads.org

MAY 15-16

Oswego Trader Days, Oswego

Time Period event 1776-1876 with crafts, food, activities, and time period goods. Black powder shoots and tomahawk throws.

574.594.3934

www.koscvb.org

JUNE 19

Latin Festival, Plymouth

Outdoor family festival featuring Latin music, food and artisans. Free admission.

574.936.2876

JUNE 19, 26-27,

JULY 3, 10, 17, 30-31,

AUGUST 7

Firefly Festival for the Performing Arts, South Bend

Music under the stars at the beautiful outdoor amphitheater at St. Patrick's Park. Weekends June through August.

574.288.3472

www.fireflyfestival.com

JUNE 21-26

Mermaid Festival, North Webster

Family fun festival with midway, parades, cutie pageant, arm wrestling, tractor pulls and tethered balloon rides.

574.834.2628

www.northwebster.com

JUNE 25-27

Elkhart Jazz Festival, Elkhart

Internationally known musicians perform cool to hot jazz on seven stages.

800.597.7627

www.elkhartjazzfestival.com

JUNE 30-JULY 5

Bremen Fireman's Festival, Bremen

Arts and crafts, a parade and games. Top off your day with an exciting fireworks display.

800.626.5353

JULY 1-4

Cedar Lake Summerfest, Cedar Lake

Boat and land parades, daily entertainment, carnival rides, ski show, fireworks, car and talent show, and food.

219.374.6157

www.cedarlakechamber.org

JULY 10

Musicfest, Fremont

Enjoy musical acts ranging from jazz to blues to country. A parade, crafts and concessions.

800.LAKE.101

JULY 16-18

Culver LakeFest, Culver

Unique small town festival held on the banks of beautiful Lake Maxinkuckee. A parade, arts & crafts show and queen contest.

574.842.4689

JULY 23-25

Pierogi Festival, Whiting

A celebration with pierogies and other ethnic foods galore. Live polka bands, parade, beer tent, art fair, Kids Kourt and Mr. Pierogi.

877.659.0292

www.whitingindiana.com

JULY 23-31

Elkhart County 4-H Fair, Goshen

Indiana's largest county fair promises nine days of family fun. 4-H exhibits, giant midway and top name grandstand entertainment.

574.533.FAIR

www.4hfair.org

JULY 23-31

Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame, Notre Dame

A play, based on the works of William Shakespeare, is professionally directed, designed and performed by a cast of equity actors and students and staged at Washington Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus. The 2004 performance is Romeo & Juliet.

Preview on July 21-22.

574.631.5069

JULY 24-25

Vermont Settlement Festival, Orland

Orland celebrates its designation as the birthplace of Steuben County. A primitive village, car show, parade, kid's games and arts and crafts.

800.LAKE.101

AUGUST 6-15

Lake County Fair, Crown Point

The largest county fair in the state features carnival rides, daily entertainment, petting zoo, exhibits, contests and 4-H demonstrations.

219.663.3617

www.lake-county-fair.com

AUGUST 12-14

College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival, South Bend

Three-day festival honors and inducts college football legends into the Hall of Fame. Banquet, youth clinic and a flag football game.

800.440.FAME

www.collegefootball.org

AUGUST 12-15

Amish Acres Arts & Crafts Festival, Nappanee

380 artists and crafters exhibit around the pond at Amish Acres. Paddleboat and haywagon rides, three entertainment stages and festive foods.

800.800.4942

www.amishacres.com

AUGUST 20-22

Osceola Bluegrass Festival

Free three-day outdoor bluegrass music festival with food and crafts.

574.674.8878

AUGUST 28-29

David Rogers Days, David Rogers Park – LaGrange

1845 LaGrange County reproduced in a log house village. Music, storytellers, period craft demonstrations, children's activity area and more.

260.463.4022

www.backroads.org

SEPTEMBER 3-6

Marshall County Blueberry Festival, Plymouth

The largest four-day festival in the Midwest. 500 craft booths, parade, hot air balloons, car show, fantastic fireworks and 15K run.

888.936.5020

SEPTEMBER 3-6

Labor Dayz, Michigan City

Fun for the whole family on the shores of Lake Michigan as Labor Day weekend is celebrated with rides, food, arts and crafts, games and entertainment in Washington Park.

888.493.5349

SEPTEMBER 4-5

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa, South Bend

Celebrate the buckleberry harvest. Native American dance, vendors, food and craft booths. Hosted by the Potawatomi Indian Nation.

269.782.8998

SEPTEMBER 11

Valparaiso Popcorn Festival, Valparaiso

Orville Redenbacher Parade, two stages of live entertainment, hot air balloon show, Popcorn Panic 5K walk, 5-mile run, arts & crafts, food and more! Free admission.

219.464.8332

www.popcornfest.org

SEPTEMBER 11

Celebracion Latina!, Warsaw

Celebrate Hispanic culture with ethnic food, music, dance, and children's events. Live music throughout the day.

574.372.9554

www.warsawcity.net

SEPTEMBER 17-19

Wizard of Oz Festival, Chesterton

Join Dorothy and her munchkin friends for three days of Oz fantasy. Look-a-like contests, parade, arts, crafts, and everything Oz. Free admission.

219.926.5513

www.chestertonchamber.org

SEPTEMBER 25

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale, Goshen

Hundreds of handcrafted quilts, antiques, etc. go on the auction block at this nationally known event with all proceeds benefiting worldwide relief.

800.860.5958

www.AmishCountry.org

SEPTEMBER 25-26

FallFest, Angola

17 hours of musical entertainment. Arts and crafts on the historic public square.

800.LAKE.101

OCTOBER 8-10

Elvis FANTasy Fest, Portage

All Elvis weekend, special guests, impersonator contest, Elvis memorabilia, buffet, dance, carshow. Fundraiser event for Special Olympics. Admission charged.

219.762.1675

www.elvisfantasyfest.com

OCTOBER 16

Village at Winona Fall Festival, Winona Lake

"Fresh from the press" cider, music, fall colors and shopping in the artisans' court. Along the shores of beautiful Winona Lake.

888.560.4463

www.villageatwinona.com

OCTOBER 16-17

Heart of Art Studio & Gallery Tour, LaPorte County

See where the process of creating art takes place.

Discover the talent of the area while viewing completed masterpieces and works in progress.

888.560.4463

www.villageatwinona.com

NOVEMBER 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

Country Christmas in Shipshewana

Almost 100 downtown "specialty stores." Handmade furniture, heirloom-quality antiques, baked goods and handcrafted items. Gift ideas galore!

260.768.7589

www.backroads.org

NOVEMBER 19, 2004-JANUARY 2, 2005

Winter Wonderland, Hammond

Animated holiday scenes, beautifully decorated holiday trees, and lots of vibrant lights will all be on display. Call for a schedule of entertainment.

800.ALL.LAKE

www.alllake.org

NOVEMBER 26, 2004-JANUARY 2, 2005

Christmas at Copshaholm

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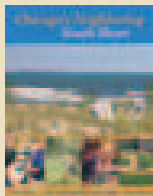


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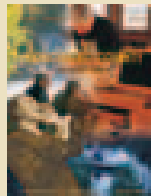


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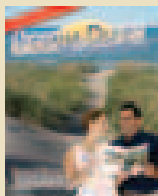
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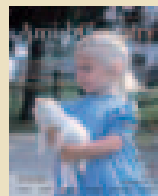
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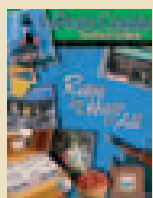
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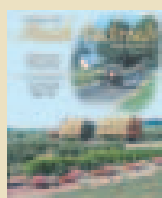
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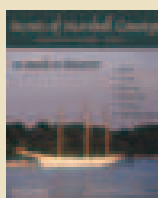
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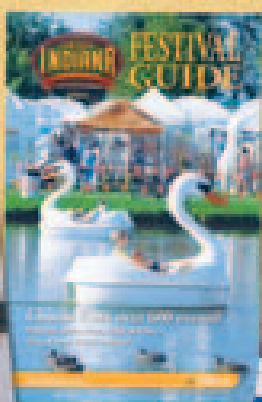
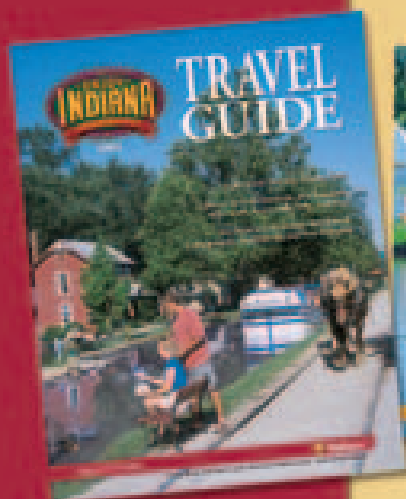
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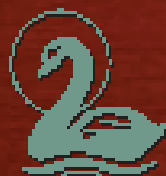
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